

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification (page 1, line 1) by the Amendment of December (13) 18, 2002, with:

This ~~patent application~~ is a ~~c~~Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/111,317, filed on July, 7, 1998, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,285,898, which is a ~~continuation~~ Application No. PCT/IL97/00010, ~~filed on January 8, 1997 (published in English), now abandoned, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/595,365, filed on February, 1, 1996, now issued U.S. Patent 5,738,096, which claims the benefit of Ser. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/009,769, filed on Jan. 11, 1996, which is a § 371 filing of PCT/US95/01103, filed on Jan. 24, 1995, which is a CIP of U.S. Application 08/293,859, filed on Aug. 19, 1994, now abandoned, and is a CIP Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/311,593, filed on Sep. 23, 1994, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,546,951, which is a Division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/094,539, filed on Jul. 20, 1993, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,391,199.~~